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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

This document relates to:

NBTY et al. v. F. Hoffmann-La Roche
Ltd et al., 99CV2372 (E.D.N.Y.), 99CV2411
(W.D. Mich.), 99CV2682 (S.D. Cal.),
99-09832 (C.D. Cal.)
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[Proposed]

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING RESPONSES
TO THE CONSOLIDATED AMENDED COMPLAINT

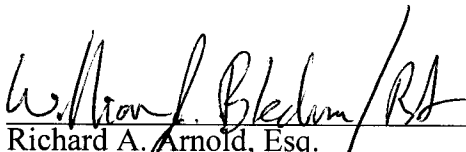
Plaintiffs in the above-captioned case and Defendants BASF Aktiengesellschaft ("BASF AG") and F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd ("Roche Ltd") stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The time for BASF AG and Roche Ltd to answer or otherwise respond to the consolidated amended complaint in the above-captioned matter shall be extended to and including March 24, 2000.

2. If BASF AG or Roche Ltd files a motion in response to the complaint, any opposition shall be due within 21 days of receipt of such motion, and any reply shall be due within 14 days of receipt of such opposition.

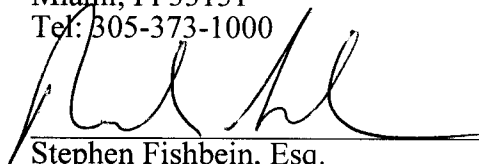
3. BASF AG and Roche Ltd do not waive, and expressly preserve, any and all defenses including, but not limited to, the defenses of insufficiency of service of process and lack of personal jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,



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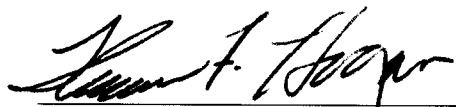
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Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd for purposes of
this stipulation**

SO ORDERED:



Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge

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